

Federal Hiring Process Improvement Act: Senate passed S. 736, to provide for improvements in the Federal hiring process, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S3947–48

Measures Considered:

Restoring American Financial Stability Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end “too big to fail”, to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S3856–64, S3864–3902

Adopted:

Brownback Amendment No. 3997 (to Amendment No. 3739), to require annual disclosure by certain persons to the Securities and Exchange Commission if columbitetantalite, cassiterite, gold, or wolframite from the Democratic Republic of Congo are necessary to the functionality or production of a product manufactured by the person. Pages S3865–66

By 80 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 155), Carper Amendment No. 4071 (to Amendment No. 3739), to address the applicability and preservation of certain State authorities. Pages S3868–72, S3872–73

Bingaman Further Modified Amendment No. 3892 (to Amendment No. 3739), to preserve the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to ensure just and reasonable electric and natural gas rates and to protect the public interest.

Pages S3879–81, S3890–94

By 75 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 157), Grassley/McCaskill Amendment No. 4072 (to Amendment No. 3739), to provide for the independence of Inspectors General of certain designated Federal entities.

Pages S3881–84, S3894–95

Rejected:

By 43 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 154), Corker Amendment No. 4034 (to Amendment No. 3739), to address the applicability of certain State authorities with respect to national banks.

Pages S3866–68, S3872

Dorgan Amendment No. 4114 (to Amendment No. 4072), to ban naked credit default swaps. (By 57 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 156) Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S3884, S3894

Withdrawn:

By 47 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 153), Gregg Modified Amendment No. 4051 (to Amendment No. 3739), to prohibit taxpayer bailouts of fiscally irresponsible State and local governments. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that

the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). Pages S3856–61, S3862

Pending:

Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739, in the nature of a substitute. Page S3856

Brownback Further Modified Amendment No. 3789 (to Amendment No. 3739), to provide for an exclusion from the authority of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection for certain automobile manufacturers. Page S3856

Brownback (for Snowe/Pryor) Amendment No. 3883 (to Amendment No. 3739), to ensure small business fairness and regulatory transparency.

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Specter Modified Amendment No. 3776 (to Amendment No. 3739), to amend section 20 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to allow for a private civil action against a person that provides substantial assistance in violation of such Act.

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Dodd (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3823 (to Amendment No. 3739), to restore the application of the Federal antitrust laws to the business of health insurance to protect competition and consumers.

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Whitehouse Modified Amendment No. 3746 (to Amendment No. 3739), to restore to the States the right to protect consumers from usurious lenders.

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Dodd (for Cantwell) Modified Amendment No. 3884 (to Amendment No. 3739), to impose appropriate limitations on affiliations with certain member banks.

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Cardin Amendment No. 4050 (to Amendment No. 3739), to require the disclosure of payments by resource extraction issuers.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 19, 2010; provided further, that the cloture vote on Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739 (listed above), occur at 2 p.m.; and that members have until 1 p.m., to file germane second-degree amendments.

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Appointments:

Public Interest Declassification Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Minority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–567, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Public Interest Declassification Board: William A. Burck, of the District of Columbia.

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Pistole Nomination—Referral: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nomination of John S. Pistole, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary, Department of Homeland Security